

**OPCAT visit
to the Reménysugár Habilitative Institute
30 May 2022**

On 30 May 2022, the staff members of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, who is responsible for performing the tasks of the OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism (NPM), paid an unannounced visit to the Reménysugár Habilitative Institute.



The purpose of the visit was to investigate into the living conditions and treatment of the persons living with disabilities in the care of the institution, with special regard to the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak and the measures imposed due to the pandemic on the everyday life of the residents. The members of the visiting group inspected the living conditions at the institution, conducted interviews with the residents, the members of the staff and the management, and reviewed the relevant documentation.

The visiting group consisted of the following members:

- Krisztina Izsó, lawyer
- Norbert Mézes, lawyer
- Rita Rostás, psychologist

Psychiatrist, dr. Bálint Szuromi participated in the visit as an ad hoc expert.

The National Preventive Mechanism will prepare a report on the visit.